1	2	3
26.	Uttar Pradesh	134282
27.	Uttaranchal	2920
28.	West Bengal	71168
29.	A&N Islands	39
30.	Chandigarh	240
31.	D&N Haveli	449
32.	Daman &Diu	0
33.	Delhi	0
34.	Lakshadeweep	3
35.	Pondicherry	0
	TOTAL	535203

Indo-Japan trade talks

*190. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE & INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Japan have resumed trade talks after a gap of five years;

(b) if so, the main issues discussed between the two countries during 2004;

(c) how many agreements have been reached and the steps being taken to implement them;

(d) the amount of aid Japan has provided; and

(e) how far the aid has been utilised?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH):(a)Yes,Sir.

(b) The main issues discussed included review of the current macro-economic situation and economic policy, exchange of information on economic partnership, bilateral economic relations, WTO and economic cooperation.

(c) to (e) No agreement was signed during the Round of Indo-Japan Trade Talks held in February 2004. However, separately, loan agreements

for eight projects at an approximate amount of Rs. 5250.17 crores were signed on 31.3.04 between the Government of India and Government of Japan. During 2003-04, the disbursement of ODA loans amounted to about Rs. 3243 crores at the prevailing exchange rate.

Cashew Development Board

*191.SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion/proposal for setting up of a Cashew Development Board;

(b) if so, the objectives of the Board;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the representation received in this regard, the objectives for the suggested cashew board are to assist and regulate the export and import of cashew, development of cashew plantations, and value-added cashew processing small-scale units.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

BPL persons in Metropolitan Cities

†*192. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the the MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons living Below Poverty Line in metropolitan cities togetherwith the number of persons living in jhuggi-jhopris; and

(b) Government's proposal to bring them above the poverty line and to provide them better accommodation facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARISELJA): (a) The

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.